

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of: Guy GENTET et al.

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INTERNAL REINFORCING DEVICE

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## RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated May 8, 2009 applicants hereby request reconsideration of the application based on the following remarks.